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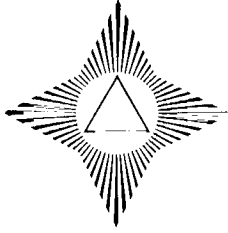
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Amidst the birthpangs of a new world epoch

by Martinus

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Martinus wrote on the cover:

The marriages of the future:

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The degeneration of marriage

The degeneration or dissolution of marriage is probably one of the most visible signs that Man is subject to a process of change. We witness that the holy vow of matrimony is gradually losing its authority. In a single life on Earth many people marry several times and each time plead conjugal fidelity - until death do they part. This solemn vow is made every

time a man or woman divorces and remarries. This in turn means that the vow of fidelity until death is not kept. Millions of people all over the world are unfaithful and break the marriage vow, even in those cases where marriages involve children. It is becoming increasingly widespread, and it is on the verge of becoming a fact that the Mosaic form of marriage has dissolved. Many people

of becoming a fact that the Mosaic form of marriage has dissolved. Many people even live together without marrying. What is happening to the human beings? Are they perishing in a bottomless abyss? Are they being controlled by an overwhelming sexual derailment? Or what is the significance of this dissolution and degeneration of "the Mosaic marriage"? According to the Christian moral precepts handed down through history, humankind is subject to an accelerating Fall that will lead to "perdition" in an "eternal Hell" and the like. But humankind is entering an intellectual mental epoch in which it is impossible for it to believe that God created an excellent living being to let it end in eternal suffering, an eternal fire, an eternal diabolic torture without ever again being redeemed from these horrors of horrors. The human beings are beginning to comprehend that there must be another solution.

The mentality of the human beings who are maritally degenerated

What does the mentality of those human beings who marry and divorce over and over again look like? Are they particularly evil beings whose behaviour earns them the eternal diabolic torture in the fires of Hell mentioned above? No! Definitely not! Such terrible evilness and such terrible Hell and torment do not exist. No kind of wickedness in a being can last for ever. Wickedness as well as punishment for wickedness are imaginary concepts. They have a beginning and an end, and are therefore finite or time-and-space dimensional.

Regarding the human beings who marry and divorce over and over again, they are - with a few exceptions - absolutely not particularly evil. They may even be very highly developed and extremely kind-hearted and loving in their other ways. How then is it possible that people do exist within this category of beings who in respect of marriage are

downright heartless and wicked towards the other party in the marriage once the so-called "honeymoon" is over?

Those human beings who to a special extent are in the marital divorce area are all human beings who have evolved in terms of polar transformation, in other words the masculine pole has evolved in the woman and the feminine pole has evolved in the man to an excellent state without having yet dissolved the marital talent. They still tend to fall in love with the opposite sex and thus fall subject to the laws and obligations of marriage. They marry and have children in their marriages.

The woman and the man grow increasingly similar

What is then the effect of the opposite pole in men and women? Initially it develops the intellectuality of the being. The woman develops masculine talents and the man feminine talents, and both thereby develop their intellectuality. Through this evolution men and women increasingly grow into the same kind of being. Since the absolutely perfect marriage in its purest form is based exactly on the totally masculine male being and the totally feminine female being in their purest forms, it is evident that marriage will degenerate at the same rate as the two parties become similar. It is not the masculinity of the woman that is loved by the man, and it is not the feminine sides in the man that is loved by the woman. Therefore, the woman becomes an increasingly less attractive object for the man's sexual needs and desires at the same rate as the masculine principles evolve in her, just as the man becomes less and less attractive to the woman's sexual needs and desires as the feminine principle evolves in him and becomes evident in his behaviour. Thus it is the feminine principle in the man and the masculine principle in the woman that cause the degeneration of marriage. This in turn means that there is such a high

number of degenerated, disjointed and imperfect and unhappy marriages that I have had to use the expression "the zone of unhappy marriages".

The discontinuance of marriage

Is it then intended that marriage as a principle should discontinue? Yes, that will stand out as a fact to those who can see all the perspectives of the issue. Since the beings so obviously outgrow the principles that are the very conditions of a perfect marriage, it cannot continue to exist but must dwindle at the same pace as the conditions of its very existence disappear or discontinue in the being.

The animal in its purest form and the unfinished human being

But it is exactly this polar change that transforms the being from animal to human being. Without this polar change the being would continue being an animal. In the animal kingdom we find the entirely masculine male being and the entirely feminine female being, and this is where we find the really happy marriages or the perfect copulatory instinct. The principle of marriage is for the beings of the animal kingdom and not for the beings of the human kingdom. That is why we can see that animals are becoming sexually degenerated in the animal kingdom. The beings of the animal kingdom for whom marriage has started to degenerate are those that today appear as the unfinished human beings. Animals in their purest form are thus clearly one poled. In those circumstances where they evolve so much that the polar change can occur, that is where the beings are growing from the ape stage to the human stage. That is where the beings are initially identified by the term "human being". But a being of that category is still far from being a human being. It takes many lives of evolution before it can start availing itself of the higher human talents.

Mankind's ignorance of the polar change

Mankind has long since reached a phase in its evolution where the polar change and thus the animal's transformation to human being is particularly evident. But in reality mankind is ignorant of this because since the time of Moses marriage has been presented to mankind as something unassailable, something that was considered permanent. How was one to know differently so long as Man lived with a still primitive and powerful marriage principle with its sexual act as the highest experience of life in this state that was still very animal-like? Not much was said about Man's final destiny as a real human being, elevated above the animal principle of marriage. The little that was said was misunderstood and rejected as heresy. The time was not yet ripe for the human beings to receive the revelations of the truths of this transformation of mankind. But now the time has truly come in the evolution of mankind's receptiveness to the great divine analyses of this revelation.

Marriage plays only a temporary role in the creation of Man in God's image

The human beings must learn to understand the role of the principle of marriage in the divine plan of creation, and the fact that in reality it is only a temporary one. When God has to recreate the living being's consciousness to such a degree of perfection that it can appear "in God's image after His likeness", it will first have to pass through a process that is to make it an expert at manifesting darkness, a genius at generating hatred, war and suffering. Via this state of manifestation it will become an expert at all knowledge of the life-destroying nature of darkness. With this knowledge it will naturally abstain from manifesting darkness to become an expert at manifestations of happiness and ecstasy. Its behaviour becomes divine. We know this di-

vinity under the concept of "universal love". This being, who promotes total universal love and life, is "the human being in God's image after His likeness".

The copulatory urge, God's spirit in the darkness and life's highest sensation of sensual pleasure and ecstasy

But how will the living being come through the night-black darkness of the killing principle, war and suffering? How can it become inspired to live in a sphere where it will have to kill to survive or become killed itself? It will have to kill over and over again beings in its surroundings in order to defend its own life, and it will also have to kill other beings in order to use their organisms as food. What is it then that in this sphere of darkness can inspire and please this being through its sheer existence? What is it that gives the being the possibility to experience light and happiness in this darkness? It is no less than *marriage*. The sphere of darkness is the animal kingdom. In this kingdom the urge to copulate is the basis that provides the zest of life. It gives the animal access to experiencing life's highest sensation of sensual pleasure and ecstasy whose vibrations can be synonymous only with the spirit of God. What else can be life's supreme sensation? Through the principle of marriage or pairing, the being can find another being in the very darkest sphere of life and meet mutual sympathy with this being thanks to their unique organic structures and bring about what is to these two beings the greatest experience of the highest light of life on the physical plane, or God's spirit in the dark. But in order for this process to take place, the beings need to be one-poled. These two kinds of being have therefore been created in such a manner that through their one-poled structure they can experience a certain affection from another being, which would otherwise be entirely impossible in the sphere

of darkness where beings have been created to fight for life. Here, where universal love and humaneness do not exist, the mating state with its culminating act of pairing is life's inspiration for these beings. Without this, no being in the darkness would experience any spiritual light at all, no affection, no caressing from any other being. Everything would be the blackest darkness, the absolutely blackest night. But in a darkness of this kind, no life could exist. Where the spirit of God does not exist, no life is of course possible.

The effects of the forthcoming polar transformation

Marriage and the one-poled state are thus God's life-giving spirit in the darkness, and therefore exist only for that reason. But the beings are undergoing a development from darkness to light, from inhumaneness to humaneness, from hatred to love and thus become developed to such an extent that they can create more and more light around them. Therefore, as everyone becomes individually perfected in his or her development of universal love, they will radiate God's light and warmth to every being and every thing. But this means that marriage and the experience of the culmination of the sexual act become unnecessary, and since this organic structure was determined by the one-poled state of the beings, this one-poled state becomes unnecessary too. That is why we see that the being in the ape-state of evolution starts showing a change of its intellectuality or scope of consciousness. The cause of this transformation is that a polar change is beginning to occur in this state. The stagnant or latent pole starts showing transformation. This means that the feminine pole in the male being and the masculine pole in the female being are increasingly pronounced in the behaviour of the being. With the development of the opposite pole the transformation of the animal into the human being begins.

With this polar change the being becomes "double poled".

The double-poled state causes intellectuality and neighbourly love

The first sign of the double-poled state is an emerging broadening of the consciousness, emerging intellectuality. It is the opposite poles in the man and the woman that form the basis of the entire sphere of consciousness and the forms of thought that either of them has and which have no relation whatsoever with their sexual lives. The entire sexual side of the said beings is controlled by the ordinary pole, that is the masculine pole in the man and the feminine pole in the woman. But it does not remain that way. Gradually, as the emerging human being evolves and passes through his or her dark karma, this karma brings about a new faculty in the being: incipient universal love. This faculty determines what the being has the heart to do and not to do in terms of evil conduct and wickedness. It is this faculty that makes the being emanate genuine universal love or neighbourly love. What need does the human being have of this love, when it has marital love? According to the law of marriage, every married person must stay with his or her spouse. If that person loves another individual more than his or her spouse, that person commits adultery. But the law of neighbourly love demands that we love God above anything else and our neighbours as ourselves.

The Mosaic epoch and the Christ epoch

The human being is confronted with two major epochs of life: the Mosaic epoch and the Christ epoch which in turn are equivalent to the epoch of the animal and the epoch of the human being. Moses was the representative of marriage and the prophet of marital love, whereas Christ was the completely perfect human being and thus the prophet of universal

love. The difference between the Christ epoch and the Mosaic epoch therefore is that the former contains a law for releasing tendencies of consciousness or life that were totally banned in the latter. In the Christ epoch it is commanded that you love your neighbour as yourself. That is not possible without violating the Mosaic law, and if one obeys the Mosaic law one cannot abide by the law of Christ or the law of neighbourly love, which is also the law governing the behaviour of the perfect human being. Thus, when new laws are prescribed through Christ or world redemption for a new epoch of life, such a new epoch of life will also have to materialise. But in order that such a new epoch of life can be created with a foundation for life that is the opposite of the foundation for marriage, marriage as a principle must degenerate and discontinue. It is impossible that both be satisfied at the same time. It is impossible to both climb up and down a ladder at the same time. Therefore, when trends of a new way of behaviour emerge that are in opposition to the usual foundation for the life that has been lived through thousands of lives, it will invariably start causing conflicts in the mind and manners of the human beings in regard of the capacity of their marital talents or regarding the performance of the oath of fidelity on which the marriage is founded. Little wonder, therefore, that we see clear evidence of this conflict in a large number of marriages.

Brief marriages or marriages ending in divorce

In its origin the Christian marriage is a solemn uniting of man and woman in co-existence until they are separated by death. This union or consecration of co-existence is performed by an official authority, either clerical or civil. The two beings thus make a solemn vow before witnesses and society to observe conjugal fidelity until they die. Observing this vow between the parties was the culmi-

nation of the marriage.

But is it possible today to take a vow involving another person that can last an entire lifetime? Although the human beings used to be able to do so and many people still are, it is clear that a large proportion of the human beings fail to keep the marital oath or the vow of fidelity to a spouse throughout their lives. After a more or less brief period of co-existence, the sexual or marital attraction to the other party fades away. Yes, this satiation with their coexistence may even lead to antipathy against the spouse. Thereby the marriage becomes an unhappy one, particularly if the disappointed party continues to experience an undiminished attraction to or love for the failing party. The failing party increasingly feels a sexual attraction towards a third party and becomes unfaithful to his or her spouse, seeks divorce and remarries - sometimes resulting once again in the same pattern of marriage, divorce and so on and so forth. I know of a case where a person married ten times. What is that kind of marriage like? What kind of morality is it that leads to ten repeated vows to another human being of marital fidelity until parted by death? What does this kind of situation express? Does it not express exactly the fact that a person capable of breaking his or her vow of fidelity is maritally degenerated, is a being that no longer has a talent for marriage?

Divorcees who are faithful and loving to others may be unkind or wicked against their spouses

It is not merely a single being who in this way falls short of marriage's vow of fidelity, but thousands and thousands are divorcing and marrying over and over again. It is not because these people are particularly primitive and evil. They may be very faithful and loving to other beings. Many of them are great artists and geniuses and have excellent and trusted positions in society. But nonetheless some of these divorcees may be rather

wicked, perhaps even cruel to their spouses once they no longer feel sexually attracted to them. How is this possible? Why can they not be kind to the disappointed spouse to whom they used to be so strongly attracted that they could make the oath of life-long fidelity? When a human being, who is excellently developed and demonstrates both fidelity and kindness to his or her surroundings, can feel antipathy towards the spouse - sometimes even to the point of hatred - it is possible only because that human being's marital talent has become degenerated. That being's state of pairing and falling in love has become weakened in such a manner that it has lost its power to endure.

The marital oath is satisfied either through a strong faculty for falling in love or a developed faculty for neighbourly love

Whereas the state of falling in love in the culminating zone of the pairing or marital state could remain strong and unyielding throughout a full lifetime, it is now for a great many people very brief. Since the mutual sensation of being in love represents the attraction that is required to ensure fidelity and coexistence in the marriage, it is clear that where it has become degenerated and weakened it cannot ensure the continuance of the marriage, which must therefore break. For as long as the mutual sensation of being in love persists without change throughout a lifetime, the parties have no difficulty satisfying the marital oath and the vow of fidelity.

Once the state of being in love ends, coexistence and marriage can continue only if the parties are so well developed in neighbourly love that they do not have the heart to inflict grief upon a spouse by letting him or her down, and they therefore remain in the marriage. This is highly laudable, particularly if the marriage involves children. Of course it means that it is a sacrifice for the spouse

who has experienced that the state of being in love has ended. But there are beings who have developed neighbourly love so much that they can do this.

The marriage of friendship with an intimate coexistence without children

But what about all the other beings who ruthlessly let down their spouses and cause infidelity and divorce? Surely that cannot be the morality of the future. That is the highest degree of immorality and lack of neighbourly love. It is true that these beings are maritally degenerated and in the worst case unable to fulfil both physical or moral conditions for a life-long happy marriage. But when it has been established as a fact that they do not have the talents for satisfying a life-long, normal marriage, it would obviously be unfortunate that such beings marry and engage in wedlock when they cannot possibly satisfy the marriage in moral terms. However, being unfit for marriage does not mean that they are through with sexual relations with the opposite sex. They still feel attracted to the beings of the opposite sex. In future such beings will not marry or in other ways make lifetime vows but rather form friendships with a partner of the opposite sex and live intimately together in "marriages of friendship".

That such marriages of friendship are unfit as homes for children and their raising is evident. If a marriage of this category produces children, the parties will have to enter into a legal or lawfully authorised cohabitation with responsibility for the children until they arrive at the years of discretion. But instead of repeated marriages and vows of marriage, the parties should purely and lovingly and therefore morally pledge to live together for only as long as it makes them happy. If disharmony should arise, these parties can more easily go their separate ways. It is better to break up as friends than to live together as enemies. Is it

then not immoral that maritally uncommitted men and women live together in friendly relations without other ties than their mutual affection and faculty of co-existing in harmony with the happiness and blessing that this bestows upon themselves and their surroundings? No, but this kind of marriage does naturally not apply to the human beings who still want to have children and who still have a talent for living in a truly complete marriage.

When divorce is preferable

Then, what about married people who, despite all their efforts, fail to find harmony in their life together? *Well, in those situations it is less of an evil to divorce than to continue to live together in disharmony, even if the marriage has produced children.* It is not good for children to live with parents who are quarrelling all day long and never show affection for one another or never caress. It must therefore be better that the children live with only one of the parties and enjoy the fatherly or motherly love of that party and are freed of the disharmony or war between the parents.

When a married couple allow each other sexual freedom

There are also marriages in which the parties grant each other the freedom to have sexual relations with partners outside the marriage. They believe that this solves the problem of marriage. They may have sexual relations with partners both here and there, but they are nevertheless committing adultery to the highest degree. Two parties to a marriage granting each other sexual freedom to commit adultery is not the same as a divorce. Once two human beings have entered into solemn matrimony - whether civil or ecclesiastical - and made the vow of fidelity until separated by death and put their signatures to it before the authorities and fellow beings, then they cannot cancel this pact by secretly grant-

ing each other sexual freedom. They are still a married couple in the eyes of the authorities and fellow human beings, and the fact that they have engaged in sexual relations outside their marriage is an act of fraud against the authorities and fellow beings to whom they have solemnly declared to be wed and to abide by the laws of marriage. In order to lawfully grant each other sexual freedom, they must obviously declare this to the same authorities and fellow beings before whom they solemnly declared to enter into holy matrimony. They have to seek an official divorce, and they are not free until that has been granted. Therefore it is better that the human beings are divorced when they have sexual relations outside the marriage than to live in this state of marital abuse, using it as a disguise. A new act has been passed that exempts adultery as a cause of divorce. In reality this means that spouses have been granted authority to commit adultery and possibly have children outside their marriage. Can there be any clearer evidence of the degeneration of the marriage?

The degeneration of the marriage is part of the divine process of creation in which the eternal incandescence of universal love lies ahead

The degeneration of the marriage, which in this way is one of the birthpangs of the new world culture, forms part of the divine process of creation. It is Man's transformation from animal to human being that becomes evident. As mentioned earlier, marriage is exclusively based on the sexual act between a male and a female being, in other words between two one-poled beings of opposite sexes. It is the light in the darkness of the animal kingdom. But since humankind is in the process of transforming from male beings and female beings to human beings, it becomes as clear as daylight that the sexual and marital areas mentioned here

must perish. We witness that the animal sexuality or the one-poled pairing act seen as light are fading to the effect that one day it will have been switched off altogether. But at that time the human being will be a being in God's image, it itself will be light, it will be God's spirit in its purest form. At that time it will no longer have to make do with experiencing the spirit of God in the culminating ecstasy of the act of intercourse. At that time it will in itself in its entire appearance be "the highest fire", and will release ecstatic energy with any being it comes into contact with. Behind itself it will see the darkness of the animal kingdom waning, and ahead it will see the eternal incandescence of universal love gradually filling the skies, and "mankind in God's image" will be praising the Godhead and life in the kingdom of heaven.

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The epoch of intuition

by Martinus

The following is a speech made by Martinus at the Martinus Institute on 24th March 1971 marking the 50th anniversary of his Cause. Martinus reckoned 24th March as the birthday of his cause because it was on 24th March 1921 that he underwent the highest fire.

Without peoples' loving help the Cause would not be what it is today

I would like to wish all of you a warm welcome and to thank you for everything you have done this year. I am still working and hope that my next book will soon be finished; after that I have various other things to write but these are analyses that we can in fact do without. If something should happen, if I should be called away from this world, so much has been created that humankind could attain cosmic consciousness using all the material that is already available (1971). Once again I would like to thank you for coming here and for all the help and support you give me. It is because of the love that people around me have shown that the Cause has been able to grow and be carried forward, so that it has become what it is today. We have personal acquaintances over almost the whole world, in America, Canada, Africa, Australia and Southern Europe. They are not groups of people but rather individuals, nevertheless they don't keep silent

about the analyses, so that it is as if we have already spread a virus that will gradually make the Cause better known. But the time is not yet right for the big breakthrough, for making the Cause known in a big way. That will only happen when I am no longer here.

Spiritual science - the comforter, the holy spirit

It is certainly not the intention that people should worship any person. What matters now are the analyses not the person. That is the difference between the past and the present. At the time that Christ was alive talking to people, what mattered was his standing as a person and as an authority, because at that time people did not have the ability or the intellectuality to understand Christ's solutions or the analyses that I have recently created. That is why Christ had to announce the future coming of a science - the comforter, the holy spirit: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. But the comforter, which is the holy Ghost whom the Father

will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto ye. He shall take of mine and shall shew it unto you." (John 16,12; 14,26; 16,15)

"The comforter, the holy spirit" is not a man or a new world redeemer that will appear, nor is it a new centre of worship that will emerge, but a science that will come. Many people nowadays are indifferent towards authorities but they are asking what are they saying? It is a question of arriving at an understanding of things for oneself so that one becomes one's own teacher and that is what one can do through the cosmic analyses. Through them people will gain an explanation for all the various things that affect them, be it hardship or misfortune etc. They can see in my cosmic analyses the causes of it in its entirety. And that is all there is to it! My work is really a continuation of Christ's mission, and I am compelled to say that it is Christ's mission that is now being completed.

We are, in other words, entering a whole new evolutionary epoch. This epoch is the epoch of intuition. It is quite remarkable that science or humankind has not thought about the fact that just as the plant kingdom follows an animal kingdom, so the animal kingdom follows a true human kingdom, the animal or unfinished human developing into the completely evolved human being. With the development of intelligence humankind enters the epoch of intelligence, the materialistic epoch, and after that with the development in intuition it enters a spiritual epoch. The characteristic of this spiritual epoch is the comforter, the holy spirit, that is to say spiritual science.

Intuition and cosmic consciousness

In this epoch, which is beginning now, people will evolve to receive cosmic consciousness. One experiences cosmic consciousness with the part of the brain that at the moment is latent. But it will be opened when the time is right, and it

is through this part of the brain that intuition can act. It is because of intuition that I have been able to create these analyses. It is not something I have read about in books or got to know from other people. It has all come through myself, and I am a living proof of the fact that one can achieve the highest knowledge through one's own being through one's own organism, and that is exactly what is intended. Every person will become his own teacher or prophet and attain total sovereignty. I myself now have total sovereignty in spiritual matters, I don't have to go and ask anyone about anything at all in the field of spiritual realities.

The whole point of this new epoch is that people should attain an intuitive faculty. By studying the analyses, which are created with the help of intuition, they will develop their intuition. Intuition will also be developed to the extent that one leads a moral life.

War will kill itself off

One must try to move away from everything that causes distress to one's surroundings. What it all boils down to is being able to accept all things as they are. It is quite a task to accept all things as they are, but that is what one has to do because all the evil that one meets is caused by oneself. For this reason it makes no sense at all to take revenge on others. In fact Christ said that one should love one's neighbour as oneself and love God above all things. Loving God above all things is what one does when one loves one's surroundings. But loving one's neighbour is not something one can impose; it is something that grows in the individual person. Love grows through war, through suffering and through pain. That is why there are still some world wars to come. There will be at least two wars, which will be a continuation of the two we have had, and there will be other wars as well. They will go on coming until war has wiped itself out. There is

no might that can bring an end to war. People think they can bring an end to war through war, and that is why they are busy stocking up weapons and instruments of destruction. But they cannot. War has been created to destroy itself and this happens by means of reincarnation. We see generation after generation being born to the world. Some people become soldiers and go to war, are tortured, wounded and become invalids. They die and are born again not remembering that they have been at war before, and they become soldiers again, go to war and are wounded. Again they die and again they are born and go to a new war and again they are wounded, become invalids or are killed. This cannot happen without gradually changing their attitude to war. A talent kernel is formed that causes an abhorrence of war in them. Gradually they begin to feel other people's sufferings. They feel sick at the thought of other people being wounded, and eventually they haven't got the heart to inflict suffering themselves. This faculty, of not having the heart to inflict suffering, is the same as universal love or neighbourly love.

The spirit of God in the darkness

Neighbourly love, which is beginning to grow in human beings, is not the same thing as conjugal love, which is not real love. Conjugal love is merely an artificial affinity or affection brought about through hormonal processes and glandular functions that has been necessary as long as people did not have any form of love at all. In animals and primitive humans there is still no universal love and their world would be absolutely terrible without the affection and joy that comes from falling in love and mating. The act of mating or sexual intercourse and the sensual pleasure that arises from it is nothing less than the spirit of God. With this sense of sensual pleasure, this spirit of God, the Godhead led the animal through the animal kingdom and is

at present also leading humankind on to a higher state, free from everything that humans are at the moment burdened with. That is why humans are not nearly so interested in marriage as they used to be. What we see is precisely that marriage is breaking down. People are marrying and separating, marrying and separating several times in one life, while many others have no wish to marry at all. I won't go any further into it, but this is what is happening at the moment.

So humans are in the midst of a tremendous change from an animal state to a state of spirit. It is not meant that humans should experience the spirit of God only through sexual intercourse. What is intended is that they experience the spirit of God every time they touch their neighbour. When love prevails, embracing, kissing, caressing and touching will give the highest sexual satisfaction. And that will happen by war gradually eradicating itself. After every war there are people who have had enough of war. After the sufferings of every concentration camp people are against war and suffering. Christ expressed it saying that it is love that "separates the sheep from the goats" and that is what is taking place before our eyes all the time.

Pioneering a new world civilisation

We are the pioneers of this new world epoch. It is our mission to bring it into the world. Every person that learns about the analyses is entrusted with a task that is the greatest task anyone can ever be given. There is no greater task than explaining the nature of God, explaining the cosmic analyses and teaching people how to love everyone and to understand that no one can suffer injustice and no one can be the cause of injustice.

Everything dark and unpleasant that we experience is our own fate, something we have created ourselves. How divine it is that people already in this life can begin consciously to create their fate for their next life. They didn't know this

before but now that people know all these things and want to live in accordance with them, they won't have been working very long before they begin to grow. They begin to realize that they are not in the same place as before. They begin to have more affinity for a world of peace. Why do they? Because they have experienced harsh karma. These people who are interested in the analyses, and because of the joy that they get from them, want to live in accordance with them, are people who have finished experiencing harsh karma. What I mean by harsh karma are the awful sufferings from death, murder and the like. It doesn't mean that these people are free from karma, they still have many small karmas left that are due to things that they will gradually put aside.

One is oneself protected to the same extent that one protects others

One does not become receptive to the cosmic analyses until one is against inflicting suffering on others, against war, killing murder etc. When one begins to feel what is completely right, one begins to develop a talent for understanding the analyses. When one begins to work with them, one is taking part in leading the whole world forward towards the light, towards a divine world. It is true that there will be more wars but they don't have to affect us. War is not for those people who are working to abolish war. War can in no way strike those people who do not want war and do not want to create war. We can certainly be struck by ordinary physical phenomena such as restrictions and the like but I can say that war will not be particularly hard in our parts, that is, in Scandinavia. That is not where war will rage. The new civilisation has to be preserved in one place, until humankind is receptive for it and it becomes more widespread.

A good solution can always be found

What our mission is really all about is being able to agree in all situations, to be for and not against each other. There is always a good solution. It is always possible to find it as long as we have the will and we don't work against each other. We have to learn to understand that where we do our training is with the people who do not like us. They are the people we have to learn to like and to think of in a loving way.

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Impressions from a journey to St. Petersburg

by Sören Grind

As a result of Ole Therkelsen's journeys to Russia and the Russian visits to the Martinus Centre in Klint, Solveig Langkilde and Sören Grind were invited to Russia to give lectures and courses in St. Petersburg and other places. Here Sören relates some impressions from his journey in August.

The flight from Stockholm to St. Petersburg was delayed for three and a half hours. While waiting for it I made the acquaintance of a woman from St. Petersburg who had started a family in Sweden and lived there for some time. After talking about my work and Swedish health food centres we soon went on to talk about Martinus Cosmology and my imminent weekend course in Olga (north of St. Petersburg).

She took such an interest in this that she said she would like to participate and maybe even help out as an interpreter. So the delay felt meaningful.

Lena Sorotjkina, our Danish-speaking interpreter, had been waiting patiently for four hours at the airport. Since the previous summer she had longed to go back to Klint, and was now delighted at the chance to speak Danish and talk about Cosmology.

There were about thirty advance bookings for the weekend course, but due to the magnificent summer weather, among other things, the number of actual participants dwindled to about half.

The day of the course brought inspiration, and there was a good atmosphere. My contribution on the Saturday consisted of giving two lectures, "The Science of Life" and "Friendship and love of life", and answering questions afterwards.

As a visitor from well-organised Sweden, one gets plenty of opportunities in Russia to practise flexibility. They are not as careful about schedules as we are. For instance, when we were breaking up for lunch, one of the participants asked to speak and then gave a half-hour lecture about himself and his psychic experiences, which included experiences of a future Armageddon.

The first day of the course ended with our watching the video film "Pictures of Klint", translated and narrated by Victor Vorobiov (a Russian translator living in Denmark -Ed.).

After that those who had been to Klint talked about their experiences. They kept mentioning the loving atmosphere and the friendliness they had experienced in Klint; these feelings also permeated the

whole discussion hour.

The Sunday lecture was "On Loving Microcosmos and Animals" and "In conversation with God" with question periods to follow. A representative of the seeker's journal *Gazeta Anomalia* also participated in the course, bringing greetings from his colleague Tatjana Sirenko, who was in Klint during the summer of '94.

One of the participants talked very earnestly about his experiences as a Chernobyl victim, and expressed a desire to come and get treatment from me in Sweden. I never quite understood exactly what kind of treatment he expected to get. (Sören is a psychologist. -Ed.)

I felt very satisfied with the weekend and the kindness and interest shown by almost everyone.

On the Monday night we visited Ksenia, who came to Klint last summer. Her mother eagerly told us about her successful use of psychic abilities, and I met quite a few other people in Russia during my trip who claimed to have those kinds of abilities. It seems to be much more common in Russia than it is here. When, later during the evening, Katja, another Klint visitor from last summer, was playing the guitar and singing to us, the phone rang, and on the other end of the line was Poul Dyrholm of the Martinus Institute, who engaged an enthusiastic Ksenia in conversation in Esperanto.

On the Tuesday, Ksenia, Katja and I visited the ethnographical museum, an impressive place. The guide told us, among other things, about all the symbols on a shaman's costume. Studded with fringes, pieces of material and metal, its every detail had its own history. She also told us that a shaman's body was not supposed to be buried but put in a coffin and then raised up in the air on high stilts, so that the body could dry out. She added that little children who died should not be buried either, according to their belief, but should also be

raised up in the air to dry out. That brought to my mind the grief process, a few years back, of a woman who had lost her three-month-old baby boy. Without understanding why, she had a very strong feeling that her son ought not to be buried, but should be swaddled and put up into a tree to dry. Soon after my return home she called me for some other reason, and when I told her about my experience she was deeply moved and grateful - perhaps there was an explanation for her strong intuitive feeling and visions.

The museum really reflected the multicultural reality of the former Soviet Union. I was also fascinated by the flexibility and inventiveness that characterised the different peoples' struggle for life. A northerly people, it survived on a diet of lichen and reindeer meat, and almost their entire production of clothing, tools and housing was based on the hides, horns and bones of reindeer. Another nation, specialising in fish, made both their food and their tools from fishbones and skins.

On the Tuesday night some twenty members turned up at the Esperanto club to hear my lecture "Pilate, Christ and Barabbas". They were all familiar with Martinus Cosmology through Ole Therkelsen's lectures and the talks that Solveig and I gave there in November 1994.

A dove, white with some black spots, stepped in through the window just in time for the lecture. Alexander (the leader of the centre) fed it some seeds, which it eagerly nibbled at. Presently a cat turned up, having caught sight of the dove. At the last moment the cat was prevented from catching the appetising dove. The unsentimental hunting instinct of the cat and the audience's strong impulse to protect the threatened dove made a suitable link with the description in the lecture of our inherent and conflicting Barabbas and Christ dispositions.

We had a fine evening with an ensu-

ing question hour that touched on the issue of humility versus pride.

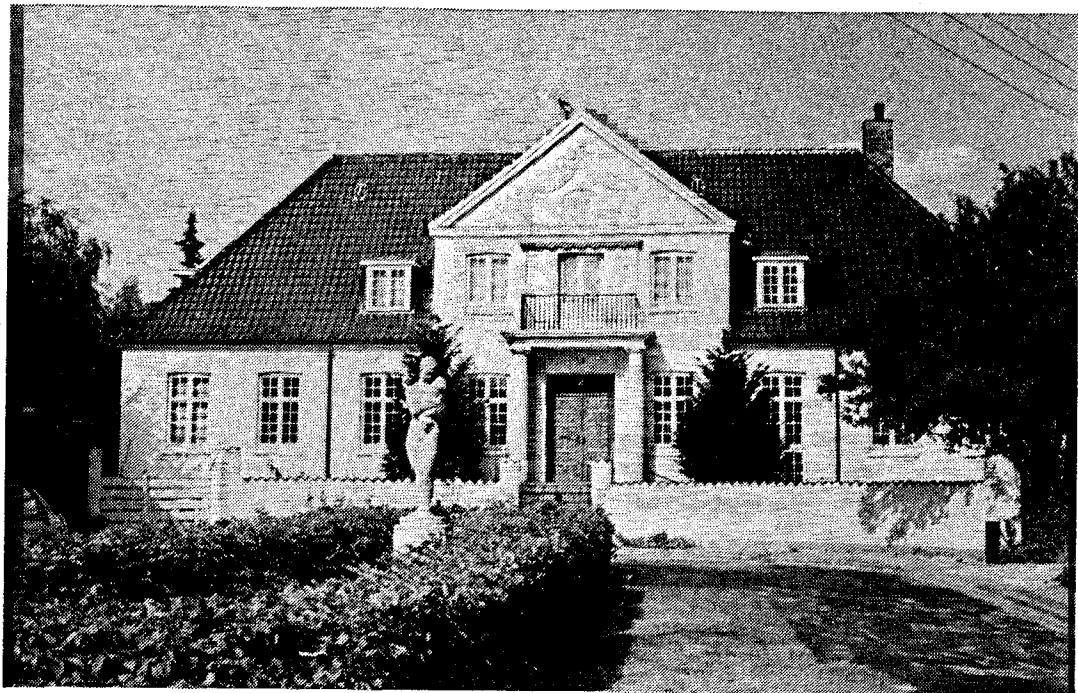
On the Wednesday Lena and I made an excursion to the impressive Peterhof, the favourite residence of Emperor Peter the Great and his answer to Versailles. A magnificent park with a great number of fountains and sculptures, gazebos and a large summer palace. In front of the palace there was a vast stairway with fountains and many gilded statues. In the centre was the powerful Samson in the process of vanquishing a lion. This lion symbolises the Swedish lion of the times of Charles XII. Among the many visitors the majority were Russian. For the people of St. Petersburg, Peterhof is the favourite place to go for an excursion.

On the Thursday evening, the final night of the journey, I gave another lecture at the Esperanto club. When I got there, some 25 people were already assembled. The dove, now a resident of the place, was also there, perching on a cupboard complete with a food bowl. The title of my lecture was "The Principle of Talent Kernels". During the question hour I touched on the way our planet receives impulses in its communication with its opposite numbers in the planetary society, illustrating this with the examples of classical music and the hippie movement, which have constituted cultural impulses of international importance. After the question hour a boy, some twelve years old, came up to me and wanted to know my opinion about the hippie movement, which was an interest of his. When I told him my views about the seductive, but destructive and harmful effects of drugs, and also mentioned that I considered the hippie movement to have been an important tool in breaking up some rigid notions to make way for the new era, he seemed satisfied.

The next day on the plane I continued my talk with the Swedish-Russian woman who was curious about the outcome of my lectures, and wanted me to send

her some informative material about the cosmology.

Translated by Gunilla Lindblad



1995 - the Martinus Institute in retrospect

by Charlotte Andersen

* 1995 saw the posthumous publication of *The Eternal World Picture, Volume 4* in Danish. The work was incomplete when Martinus died in 1981 but has since been prepared for publication by the council of the Martinus Institute. Several hundred copies have been sold. It is currently being translated into Esperanto.

* Interest in Esperanto increased in 1995 and many people interested in Martinus Cosmology began learning the language. In March the Esperanto edition of KOSMOS was published for the first time since 1974. It comes out quarterly. In May *The Eternal World Picture, Volume 1* was published in Esperanto in

a limited edition.

* The summer also saw the publication of a temporary photocopied edition of *The Eternal World Picture, Volume 2* in English, which was studied during the international summer school at the Martinus Centre, Klint. (The final edition will be published in the spring of 1996.)

* The Martinus Centre in St. Petersburg, Russia began publishing KOSMOS in Russian, a translation of the Esperanto edition.

* One new book (*Devil-consciousness and Christ-consciousness*) was published

in German, and three (*The Fate of Mankind*, *What is truth?* and *The Ideal Food*) were published in Spanish.

* Ole Therkelsen, a lecturer from the Martinus Institute, travelled to Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and USA, where he gave many lectures in both English and Esperanto.

* Tage Edeling, a member of the council of the Martinus Institute and longstanding member of KOSMOS' editorial group, left the physical plane in June. Eigil Kristensen has replaced him on the council and as editor of the Danish edition of KOSMOS.

* Memorial Day

The annual Memorial Day was celebrated on Saturday 5th August in Klint. Karin Linde talked about the German translations and Willy Kuijper gave a report on the recent work of the council and activities during the previous year. Mogens Munch talked about his memories of Martinus and about cosmic chemistry. Mogens Munch, who has known Martinus Cosmology for 65 years, said that if he were to say what he had learned in all these years, it was that spiritual growth goes very slowly.

Next on the podium was Bertil Ekström. He talked about his first personal meeting with Martinus at a coffee party. Bertil, who had just read *The Ideal Food*, was dismayed at all the cakes, as well as coffee and tea, that were served. But Martinus explained kindly, "I haven't come to start a new vegetarian movement. I had to become a vegetarian, but otherwise I have to live like other people. I must not be too different because if I began to say that I didn't eat this or that, then many people would do the same as me, despite the fact that they are not ready for that."

Then André Stroobant from The Hague talked about the history of Martinus Cosmology in Holland and

about the Dutch translations.

The next point on the programme was several short speeches from various foreign participants in the international summer school. They talked about their meeting with the cosmology and what it meant to them.

Erik Grevelund completed the programme by showing a short amateur film of Martinus that he made in 1974.

Between the speeches Birgitta Kragh (oboe) and Gerda Harbon (piano) played classical music. The master of ceremonies and comic light relief was Ole Therkelsen.

Translated by Mary McGovern

NEW PUBLICATIONS

New Book in Russian

A collection of 32 articles by Martinus from the Danish edition of the magazine KOSMOS translated by Victor Vorobiov has just been published in Russian under the title *Cosmic Teachings* (the Russian equivalent, that is!). Details of availability from the Martinus Insitute.

On translating Martinus

As part of her translation studies at the University of Copenhagen, Mary McGovern has written a paper entitled *The Martinus Institute's guidelines for translators of Martinus' works seen in the light of translation science*. It consists of 21 A4 pages and is written in English with many Danish quotations. Anyone interested can order a photocopy from the Martinus Institute, Mariendalsvej 94-96, DK-2000 Frederiksberg (price 30,- Danish kroner to cover photocopying and postage only).

MARTINUS COSMOLOGY

Martinus Cosmology provides an all-embracing world picture logically describing and analysing the spiritual laws of life. In his works Martinus describes a concept of life which can be summarized as follows: All living beings have eternal life. Man has reached his present stage through evolution through the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms, and is at present a sphinx being, part animal and part real human being.

The temporary goal for our evolution is the establishment of a real human kingdom, a union of all nations in one global state capable of guaranteeing every living being on earth peace, justice and a completely happy life.

Through reincarnation and evolution Man gradually develops new faculties which change his way of

thinking and acting. The law of karma, "what you sow you must also reap", guarantees that he gradually becomes perfect, a moral genius capable of differing between good and evil. The human being of today will thus finally appear as a real human being – "man in God's image after His likeness".

THE MARTINUS INSTITUTE in Copenhagen was established in 1932 in order to make Martinus' literature available.

THE MARTINUS CENTRE in Klint, Denmark is a school for the study of Martinus Cosmology. Courses are available in English.

Martinus Cosmology is not the basis for any kind of sect or association.

LITERATURE

Martinus (1890–1981) was a Danish writer. His entire output is known collectively as "The Third Testament", and comprises "Livets Bog (The Book of Life)" in 7 volumes, "The Eternal World Picture" in 3 volumes (symbols with explanations) and about 30 shorter books. At present the following publications are available in English:

Livets Bog (The Book of Life) Vol. 1

The Eternal World Picture Vol. 1

Logic

Easter

Marriage and Universal Love

Meditation

The Fate of Mankind

The Ideal Food

The Mystery of Prayer

The Road to Initiation

The Road of Life

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COVER SYMBOL

The symbol on the front cover, which is called "The perfect man in God's image after His likeness", shows the perfect way of behaving or what it means "to turn the left cheek when one is smitten on the right".

At the bottom of the symbol we see the course of evolution through many lives from animal (orange) to the perfect man (yellow). The rectangular areas symbolize our physical earthly lives from birth to death. The smaller pale yellow areas between these show that we find ourselves in spiritual worlds between our physical earthly lives. After each stay in these worlds a new earthly life begins based upon the qualities and talents we have developed through previous physical lives. The orange and yellow arcs show that our fate is

a result of our own actions from previous lives as well as our present life. The large orange arc which stretches from the left side to the middle symbolizes an unpleasant or so-called "evil" action which is sent out towards someone. This is answered by friendliness and understanding symbolized by the heart and the yellow arc. The symbol therefore shows the perfect man's total initiation into fate and the mystery of life, his understanding of eternal life, evolution and the law of fate: "as thou sowest, so shalt thou reap".

Through this eternal law we will all learn to differentiate between what is evil and what is good. We will become perfect; we will become "the perfect man in God's image after His likeness."

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